

☼MINUTES☼

—OF THE—

Seventy-Ninth Annual Session

—OF THE—

⌘MUSKINGUM⌘

REGULAR PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST

☼ASSOCIATION,☼

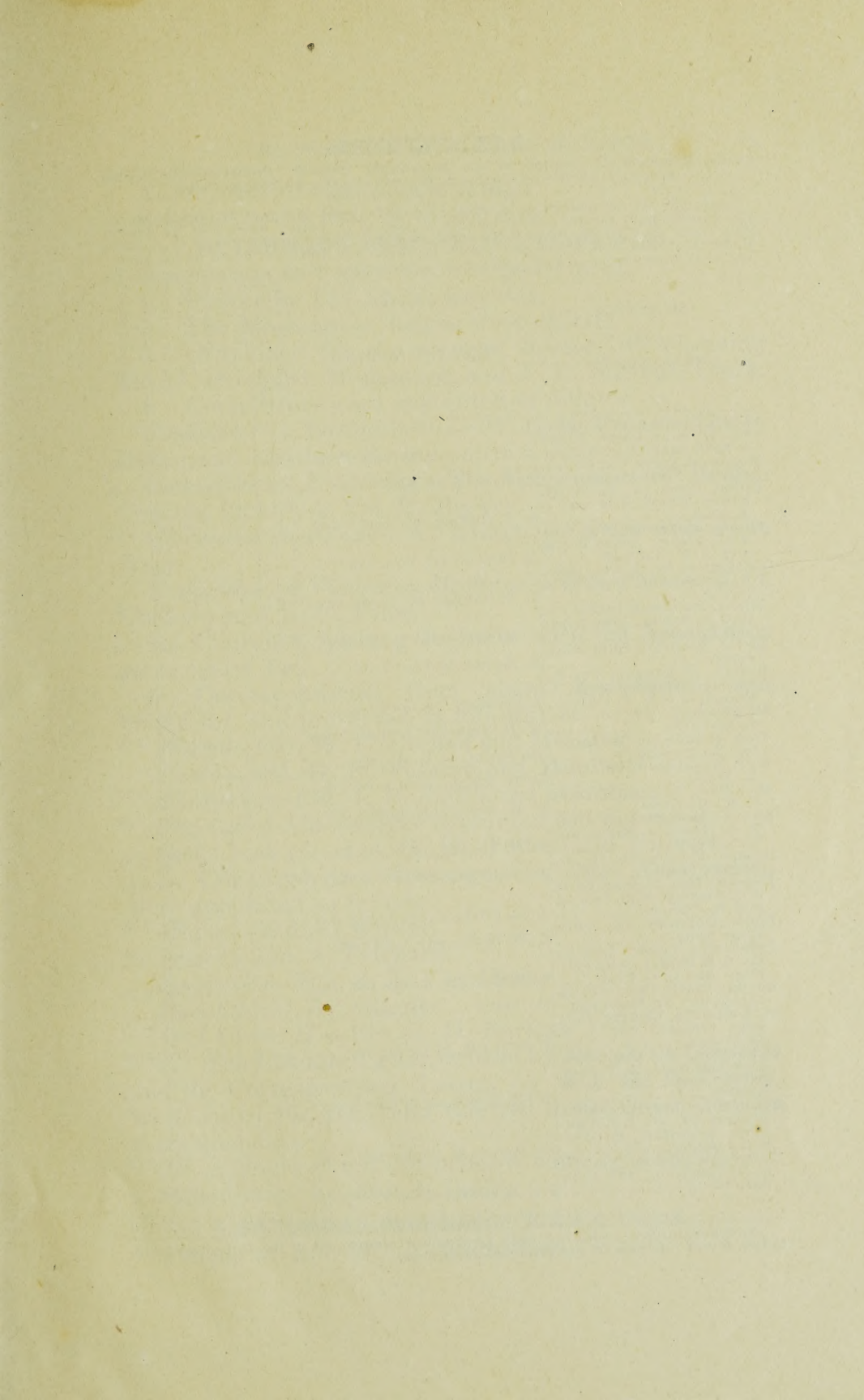
—HELD WITH THE—

BUELAH CHURCH,

MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO,

August 24, 25 and 26, 1888.

NEWARK, OHIO,
Miller's Rubber Stamp and Printing House.
—1888.—



MINUTES

Of the Seventy-Ninth Session of the Muskingum Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association held with the Buefah Church, Muskingum County, Ohio, August 24, 25 and 26, 1888.

AUGUST 24; 10 o'clock A. M.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. G. D. Burley, from Cor. 1st chapter 18th verse. The letters from the several churches were called for by the former Moderator; read, the Messengers' names enrolled, and statistics noted as follows:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIME OF HOLDING MEETINGS.	Recd by Letter Baptism	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Contributions
Falls of Licking, Muskingum Co., O., John Shaw, Henry J. Butler and Charlie Prior.	D. T. Poynter, 2d Lord's day	3		1	2	41	\$ 5 00	
Hopewell, Perry Co., O., Letter, but No Messengers	E. Barker, 1st Lord's day					15	3 00	
Union, Perry Co., O., W. H. Miller, Amos Hite and J. T. Neel	L. T. Ruffner, 4th Lord's day	1			2	26	5 00	
Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio, Wm. Fisher, Jonas Partig and G. W. Starner	W. Fisher, 4th Lord's day	1				15	1 75	
Lexington, Perry Co., Ohio, A. Duesenbury and Thos. David	L. T. Ruffner, 2d Lord's day	1			1	49	1 90	
Timber Run, Muskingum Co. O., G. D. Burley, John Allen and R. Bolin	G. D. Burley, 3d Lord's day				1	30	2 65	
Bethel, Noble Co., Ohio, John Jordon	E. Barker, 3d Lord's day	2				37	5 00	
Bulah, Muskingum Co., O., Stephen Francis, W. H. H. Francis and J. C. Crown	J. Prichard, 1st Lord's day	1				44	3 60	
Mt. Pleasant, Perry Co., Ohio, L. Richards	W. H. Hickman, 1st Lord's day					12	2 00	
York, Morgan Co., O., Letter, but No Messengers	No Pastor, 3d Lord's day					9		
Zoar, Muskingum Co., Ohio, R. Wells	W. H. Hickman, 2d Lord's day					15	1 75	
Mt. Olive, Morgan Co., Ohio, C. M. Mathews	G. D. Burley, 1st Lord's day	1				13	65	
Scott's Creek, Hocking Co. O., E. C. Harsh, A. Nixon and Wm. Funk	G. N. Tussing, 2d Lord's day	1	1		1	52	4 10	
Goshen, Muskingum Co., O., Joshua Crosier	J. M. Struble, 2d Lord's day	1		2	2	23	2 05	
Pleasant Hill, Licking Co. O. J. O. Cooksey, Wm. Painter and M. Porter	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day	4			3	49	5 52	
Enon, Guernsey Ct., Ohio, Eliza Scott	G. D. Burley, 4th Lord's day				1	17	1 15	
Jonathan's Creek, Licking Co., O., E. Barker, John Gutridge and L. C. Prior	E. Barker, 4th Lord's day	2	1		1	52	4 29	
Monday Creek, Perry Co., O., Letter, but No Messenger	No Pastor	1				10		
St. Louisville, Licking Co. O. John Prichard and J. E. Stevens	J. Prichard, 2d Lord's day		1		1	31	3 75	
Friendship, at Hog Run, Licking Co., O., A. T. Jury, Alfred Beall and S. E. Rhoads	W. H. Hickman, 3d Lord's day				1	28	3 00	
Friendship, near Linnville, Licking Co., O., J. J. Vanhorn, Leonidas Handley and Joseph Lawrence	No Pastor, 2d Lord's day	1			3	28	2 75	
Harmony, Licking Co., O., J. McNaughton and John Skinner	J. K. Holliday, 3d Lord's day				1	18	4 50	
Total		18	4	1	3	120	614	\$63 60

NOTE:—Saturday preceding each Lord's day mentioned in the foregoing table, is the day of business of the respective churches.

Adjourned till one o'clock p. m.

Benediction by Eld. G. D. Burley.

AFTERNOON SESSION--1 o'clock p. m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

1. Prayer by Eld. D. T. Poynter.
2. The Messengers' names were called.
3. Organized for the present session by choosing Eld. J. Prichard, Moderator, and J. E. Stevens, Clerk.
4. Committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Arrangements—W. H. H. Francis, Henry Butler and Matthew Porter.

Committee on Preaching—The Messengers of Beulah Church, including Eld. E. Barker.

Committee on Funds—A. Nixon, J. Shaw and John Neel.

Committee on Visitation Meetings—Wm. Painter, J. O. Cooksey and L. C. Prior.

5. Churches wishing to unite with the Association were called for.

6. Correspondence from sister Associations was called for, and presented as follows:

Miami—Eld. W. C. Cornell and Minutes.

Scioto—Eld. G. N. Tussing and Minutes.

Sandusky—Eld. J. B. Smith and Minutes.

Pocatalico—Messenger appointed but deceased.

Owl Creek H.—Eld. G. W. Tulloss and Minutes.

7. Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Miami—Eld. E. Barker.

Scioto—Eld. J. Prichard.

Sandusky—Eld. J. J. Van Horn.

Pocatalico—By Minutes.

Owl Creek H.—Eld. G. D. Burley.

8. The Circular Letter written by Bro. J. O. Cooksey and the Corresponding Letter, by Eld. G. D. Burley, were called for, read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

9. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30.

Benediction by Eld. J. Bolin.

SATURDAY MORNING--9:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. W. R. Welbourne.

3. *Minutes of the Seventy-ninth Annual Session of the Muskingum*

The Messengers' names were called.

1. The Committee on Arrangements reported that the order of business be the same as last year.

2. That the Circular and Corresponding letters be adopted.

3. That Eld. E. Barker write the Circular, and Eld. J. Prichard the Corresponding letters respectively for next year.

4. That the next annual session of the Association be held with the Falls of Licking Church, (Lower House,) Muskingum Co., Ohio.

5. That the Introductory Sermon be preached by the Elder to be appointed by the former Moderator, or if he is not present, by the Messengers of the church with whom the Association is held.

6. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was accepted.

7. The report of the Committee on Visitation Meetings was made to the Clerk.

8. The report of the Committee on Funds was accepted.

9. The report of Eld. G. D. Burley, concerning the absence of the Monnay Creek Church, was called for, given and accepted

10. That the Rules of Decorum be changed to correspond with the 5th.

The Committee on Funds reported as follows:

Contributions.....	\$63.41
Returned by Clerk.....	.19
Total.....	\$63.60

Appropriated as follows:

Minutes and Distribution.....	\$20.00
Clerk.....	5.00
Miami—(Eld. E. Barker,).....	12.70
Scioto—(Eld. J. Prichard,).....	7.81
Sandusky—(Eld. J. J. VanHorn,).....	12.21
Pocotalico—(Minutes,).....	
Owl Creek H.—(Eld. G. D. Burley,).....	5.86
Difference.....	.02
Total.....	\$63.60

The Committee on Visitation Meetings reported as follows:

Falls of Licking—Fourth Lord's day in October, at Shannon; Elds. W. Lines, F. McGlade and W. R. Welbourne, and Second Sunday in May at Lower House; Eld. G. W. Bretz.

Hopewell—First Lord's day in October Eld. Holliday.

Union—Fourth Lord's day in May and Saturday preceding, Eld. J. B. Smith.

Lancaster—Fourth Lord's day in November and Saturday preceding, Eld. J. B. Smith. Meeting to commence on Saturday at 1 p. m. and Sunday at 10 a. m.

Lexington—Second Lord's day in May and Saturday preceding, Elds. J. J. Vanhorn and L. T. Ruffner. Saturday meeting to commence at 2 p. m.

Timber Run—Third Lord's day in November, Eld. Z. K. Holliday.

Bethel—Third Lord's day in October and Saturday preceding, Eld. Z. K. Holliday.

Beulah—First Lord's day in June and Saturday preceding, Elds. F. McGlade and E. Barker. Saturday meeting at 2 p. m.

Mt. Pleasant—Fifth Lord's day in September, Eld. E. Barker.

Mt. Olive—Fourth Lord's day in Sept. and Saturday preceding, Eld. Z. K. Holliday.

Scott's Creek—Third Lord's day in October, Eld. J. B. Smith.

Goshen—Second Lord's day in October, Eld. F. McGlade.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Lord's day in October Eld. Dodd. First Lord's day in Feb., Elds. Z. K. Holliday and G. D. Burley, and Second Lord's day in June, Eld. E. Barker.

Enon—Thursday and Friday before Third Lord's day in Oct., Eld. Z. K. Holliday, and Fifth Lord's day in September, Eld. J. Prichard.

Jonathan's Creek—Third Lord's day in October, Eld. J. Prichard, and 4th Lord's day in May, Eld. L. B. Sherwood.

Friendship at Hog Run—3d Lord's day in October and Saturday preceding at 2 o'clock, Eld. F. McGlade.

Friendship near Linnville—2d Lord's day in May,

AFTERNOON.

Eld. G. N. Tussing, Acts 13th chap. 28th, 29th and 30th verses, and Eld. J. B. Smith, St. John, 5th chapter and 8th verse.

SUNDAY 9:30 A. M.

Prayer by Eld. Holliday. Preaching by Eld. W. R. Welbourne, Prov. 16th chap. 1st and 2d verses, and Eld. David Bartley, Mark 16th chap. 14th and 15th verses. Benediction by Eld. D. T. Poynter.

AFTERNOON.

Eld. Archie Brown, St. John 14th chapter 6th verse. Benediction by the Moderator.

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CORRESPONDING LETTER.
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The Muskingum Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association to the several Associations with whom she corresponds, sendth Christian salutations:

VERY DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—Through the tender mercy of our God, we are blessed with the privilege of meeting once more in an Associate capacity to hold sweet intercourse and correspondence with those who desire to love and fear the Lord. For which we have great reason to be thankful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The Regular Predestinarian Church of Jesus Christ, stands before the world in the maintainance of the Ordinances of the Church of God, which testify, and all three of which agree in testifying to the death, burial and re-urrection of Jesus Christ, as the only and exclusive way of life and salvation. We are exhorted to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints. We desire a continuance of your Christian correspondence. Your messengers come to us in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ, preaching one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism. May God keep us all to the honor and glory of His great name. Brethren, farewell.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.
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The Muskingum Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association convened with Beulah Church, Muskingum Co., Ohio, August 24, 25 and 26, 1888. To the Churches composing her body, sendeth Christian Salutation:

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Through the kindness of our blessed Lord, whom we desire to worship in spirit and in thuth, we are permitted to meet again in an Associate capacity, and address you by a letter of love. Not desiring to present anything that is new, but to talk of what God has left on record for us to do. God has proclaimed by the mouth of Jeremiah, 6th chapter and 16th verse, "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Dear Brethren; many perplexing difficulties, that are continually confronting us all along the uneven journey of life, vanish before the light of Divine Inspiration, as does the frost before the noonday sun. Those who desire to know the

truth and abide in it, should obey the injunction of the Savior, "Search the Scriptures." There is sufficient reason given in the Word of God, why we should search them with the deepest interest; search them with the ardent desire to learn the Heavenly wisdom with which they are so richly laden; search them with a devout mind, and with a heart felt dependence on the influence of the Holy Spirit to guide us in our investigation after truth.

We should meditate also, on the precious fact that Christ the Beloved, will come again. He hath said, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." He will reign and put all things under His feet, for God has decreed it. Soon He will appear in all His glory, decked in His robes of power; and the poor, sorrowing, weeping church, who hath mournfully cried, "Why doth my Lord delay His coming?" will then be delivered from all her foes. And yet it doth not appear what we shall be. We know that when He appears we shall be like Him. He will change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto His glorious body. He hath already put within us the Spirit of glory. Yea, He hath glorified us in our living Head, for whom He justified them He also glorified.

Meditate upon this grand theme. We shall be found looking through the window of hope, watching for His glorious appearing, and while in wait and watch our hearts will grow warm within us. We shall long and pant to be among the golden harpers, and join in the song which swells like a sea of glory, and rolls like the voice of many waters around the throne. Therefore let us love as Brethren, and endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in bonds of peace. Farewell.

Deceased Members.

Falls of Licking—Mary Shaw, died April 2d, 1888; Abarella Butler, died April 24th, 1888.

Union—Maria Grove, died May 14th, 1888, aged 74 years, 5 months and 2 days; Rebecca Beamer, aged 43 years, 5 months and 27 days.

Lexington—Lucy Grimes, died July 21st, 1888, aged 91 years.

Timber Run—Joanna Gray.

Scott's Creek—One, name not given.

Goshen—Eliza Daniels, aged 89 years; Hannah McComis, aged 96 years.

Pleasant Hill—Wm. Clagett, Ellen McQueen and Nancy E. Clagett.

Enon—Isaac Beal, died December 26th, 1887, aged 80 years, 9 months and 19 days.

Jonathan's Creek—Margaret Gutridge.

St. Louisville—Elzy Dush.

Friendship, at Hog Run—Margaret Griffith, died March 31st, 1888, aged 85 years.

Friendship, near Linnville—Eliza Orr, wife of Benj Orr; Sarah Merideth, wife of Eld. Samuel Merideth; and Matilda Patterson, wife of John W. Patterson.

Harmony—One, name not given.

NEWARK, OHIO, August 30th, 1888.

Received of J. E. Stevens, Clerk, the sum of Seventeen Dollars for printing 1,200 Minutes.

E. S. MILLER, PROP'R,
Miller's Rubber Stamp and Printing House,
Newark, Ohio.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

John Prichard	St. Louisvillc,	Licking County, Ohio.
E. Barker	Gratiot,	" " "
John Bolin	Newark,	" " "
D. T. Poynter, 47 Wilson St.,	Newark,	" " "
Wm. Newlan,	Portersville,	Perry " "
J. J. Vanhorn	Hebron,	Licking " "
W. H. Hickman	New Lexington,	Perry " "
G. D. Burley,	Zanesville,	Musk, " "
Wm. Fisher,	Lancaster,	Fairfield " "
L. T. Ruffner	Millersport,	" " "
Z. K. Holliday	Thurston,	" " "
John Neel	Licentiate, Millersport,	" " "
D. P. Spitler,	" Pleasantville,	" " "
Geo. N. Tussing	Columbus,	Franklin " "
Woosten Melton	Upland,	Mason " W. Va.
Wm. A. Melton	Poca,	Putnam " "
Wm. Lippincott	St. Paris,	Champaign " Ohio.
Thos. Williams,	Trenton,	Butler " "
Geo. W. Tulloss	Fredricktown,	Knox " "
Geo. Waddle	Sabina,	Clinton " "
L. B. Hanover	Center Village,	Delaware " "
A. S. Shoemaker	Ashley.	" " "
J. C. Reed	Franklin,	Warren " "
W. C. Cornell	Lytle,	" " "
G. A. Bretz	Milton Center,	Henry " "
Lemuel Potter,	Cynthiana,	Posey " Ind.
Archie Brown,	"	" " "
W. N. Buckles	Dunkirk,	Jay " "
David Bartley,	New Castle,	Henry " "
J. M. Struble	Chesterville,	Morrow " Ohio.
Lewis Herod,	Marengo	" " "
Frank McGlade	Centerville,	Montg'm'y " "
J. B. Smith, 220	Findley,	Hancock " "
W. R. Welbourne	State Roads,	" " N. Car.
John Hoppes,	Sabina,	Clinton County, Ohio.
Thos. Cole	Royalton,	Fairfield " "
Robert Peters	Circleville,	Pickaway " "
Earl Mabrey	Bookwalter,	Fayette " "
Walter Yeoman	"	" " "
Fred Denewitz, Licentiate,	Chillicothe,	Ross " "
J. R. Smith,	" London,	Madison " "
Silas Debolt	Upper Sandusky,	Wyandot " "

Post-Office Address of Church Clerks.

Falls of Licking,---H. J. Butler, Licking Valley, Musk. County, Ohio.
Hopewell,-----John Forsythe, Sago, Perry " "

<i>Union</i> -----	W. H. Miller, Thornville, Perry County, Ohio.		
<i>Lancaster</i> -----	G. W. Starner, Lancaster, Fairfield	"	"
<i>Lexington</i> -----	T. David, Moxahala, Perry	"	"
<i>Timber Run</i> -----	John Allen, Hopewell, Muskingum	"	"
<i>Bethel</i> -----	Bartholemew Davis, Nobleville, Noble	"	"
<i>Beulah</i> -----	W. H. H. Francis, Nashport, Muskingum	"	"
<i>Mt. Pleasant</i> -----	L. Richards, Crooksville, Perry	"	"
<i>York</i> -----	Wm. Newlan, Portersville, "	"	"
<i>Zoar</i> -----	Richard Wells, Brush Creek, Muskingum	"	"
<i>Mt. Olive</i> -----	Elijah Adrian, Pennsville, Morgan	"	"
<i>Scott's Creek</i> -----	E. C. Harsh, Logan, Hocking	"	"
<i>Goshen</i> -----	J. Crozier, Cumberland, Guernsey	"	"
<i>Pleasant Hill</i> -----	J. O. Cooksey, Cooksey, Licking	"	"
<i>Enon</i> -----	Charlotte Wheatley, Byesville, Guernsey	"	"
<i>Jonathan's Creek</i> -----	Peter Gutridge, Brownsville, Licking	"	"
<i>Monday Creek</i> -----	Thos. Nixon, New Straitsville, Perry	"	"
<i>St. Louisville</i> -----	J. E. Stevens, 214 N. 5th St. Newark, Lick.	"	"
<i>Friendship, at Hog Run</i> -----	A. T. Jury, Jacksontown, "	"	"
<i>Friendship, Near Linnville</i> -----	T. D. Lawrence, Linnville, "	"	"
<i>Harmony</i> -----	E. Richards, Alexandria, "	"	"

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Whenever the Association is convened, an introductory sermon shall be delivered, after which the Moderator of the preceding session (if present, if not, the Clerk of the preceding session) shall call over list of the churches according to seniority; and on each call one of the members of the church so called shall come forward and audibly read, or cause to be read, the letter from the church he represents, and deliver it to the Moderator or Clerk. After the several letters have been read, as aforesaid, and the Messengers' names enrolled, they shall proceed to elect a Moderator and Clerk by nominating one or more, and voting in the usual way; and from the two highest a Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen, who shall serve till their successors are chosen.

2. The Moderator shall preside during the session, to maintain order to bring before the council, all business relative to the prosperity of the churches, and state each question fairly, that it may be voted for or against; and give a casting vote if equally divided, and declare on which side is the majority.

3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enter all decisions in a fair manuscript, and audibly read the same at the close of the session; and shall enter in a book, to be kept for that purpose, the principal decisions and resolutions of the Association in fair transcript, and shall deliver to his successor in office all books and papers relative to the same; also to attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes; and he shall receive \$5.00 for his services at the close of each session.

4. The Association shall at each session, as soon as organized, appoint four committees; one to arrange the business of the Association, and make a written statement of all the business necessary to be attended to at the present session; and deliver such statement to the Moderator at the opening of the session for business on the ensuing morning. Also to correct any error either in doctrine or language in the Circular and Corresponding letters. One to arrange the preaching during the Association. One to receive and distribute the contributions. And one to arrange visitation meetings. The Association shall also appoint the time and place for holding the next Association.

5. It shall be the duty of the churches composing this council, to

send representatives and a letter addressed to the Muskingum Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association, stating the time and place of their meeting; giving a summary of the faith and practice of the church or a reference to the Articles of Faith of this Association; the number baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, deceased and present number of said church, with the names of the deceased members and of the representatives of the church; also the name of the ministers having the oversight of the church.

6. That each church may send three representatives to the Association, who shall be entitled to a vote.

7. Any church neglecting to send Messengers and a letter to this Association three years successively shall be visited by a committee appointed by the Association, to inquire into the cause of their absence and report the same at the next session of the Association. And any church that receives a member excluded from a sister church, shall by that act be considered to have excluded herself from this Association.

8. Churches applying for admission into this Association, shall on giving satisfaction of their faith, practice and constitution, be received by the Moderator giving to the first named representative of said church, the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the council.

9. The churches are equally free and independent and have certain inalienable rights, such as receiving and dismissing, centuring and expelling their own members; tolerating to improve, licensing to preach, and ordaining such as appear to have gifts, and are Divinely called to the work of the ministry; and of silencing such as have been tolerated, licensed or ordained, as the case may require; and all and every other power and privilege, essential to the regular exercise of Gospel discipline and well being of the several churches.

10. All motions made and seconded shall be free for discussion or amendment, and shall be put to vote unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the council.

11. Any member wishing to speak on any subject, shall arise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator or Council, and speak pointedly to the subject under consideration; but not longer than ten minutes, nor oftener than twice, unless special leave be obtained of the Moderator.

12. A Circular Letter shall be annexed annually to the minutes of this Association, addressed to the several churches; also a Corresponding Letter, addressed to the Associations with whom we Correspond.

13. The Association shall have power to alter or amend this Constitution whenever she may find it necessary. *Provided*, that no alteration or amendment shall affect the principles and ordinances required in this Constitution, or the faith or independence of any church in this connection.

14. A majority shall decide all questions, excepting the alteration or amendment of this Constitution, cases of Conscience, or the expelling of a member, or members, in which case it shall require a majority of two thirds.

15. By an act of the Association held August, 1878, at the Falls of Licking Church, it was ordered that Article 11th in the Minutes of the Association at the August session, 1833, be added to the articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum of this Association, which article read as follows "The opinion of this Association is that it is no baptism, unless it be performed by a regular ordained Minister of Christ, of the Regular Baptist order, and in good standing at the time of administering the ordinance of Baptism."

17. That the Introductory sermon be preached by the Elder to be appointed by the former Moderator, or if he is not present, by the messengers of the Church with whom the Association is held.

